



Brownfields Sites

Westpoint Industrial Park
Brownfields Site 4960003
Active

Westpoint Industrial Park

Hammond, Lake County, Indiana

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Site Location and Description

145th St & White Oak St/NW corner

Hammond, IN 46321

Site Uses and Past Activities

The West Point Industrial Park is a 74 acre parcel of undeveloped land located north of the Hammond Enterprise Center. No structures or buildings are located on the site.

No commercial or industrial activities are known to have taken place at the site. An asphalt plant operated north of the eastern portion of the site at the location of Industrial Fuels and Asphalt as early as the 1950's. Aerial photographs show trenches leading to the West Point Industrial Park property from Industrial Fuels. Photographs from the 1960's show approximately two thirds of the site having been filled with material that is alleged to be iron slag from nearby steel mills. Much of the site is covered with what appears to be foundry sand. Debris and solid waste, including tires, are scattered over the site. Medium size trees are found throughout the site. Wetland areas are present and appear to have been much more extensive before filling occurred. Along the boundary between Industrial Fuels and West Point, is evidence of spills from Industrial Fuels migrating onto the West Point property.

Contaminants and Impacts

The analytical results of the sampling indicate that all samples were well below the Tier II non-residential surface soil criteria for IDEM's Voluntary Remediation Program.

Lead Agency

IDEM

Community Concerns

Actions Taken

A Brownfields Environmental Assessment was completed by IDEM in June 1996. It should be understood that, for various reasons, the entire subsurface of the site could not be thoroughly examined and that, although not expected, it is possible that problems may be encountered during excavational work done during construction.

Current Status

The City of Hammond received a \$6.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in April 2002 to help cleanup two brownfield sites; one being the West Point Industrial Park property. Two businesses have been operating at the site since 1999, with two more expected soon.

Future Actions

Approximately 400 jobs are forecast from cleanup and manufacturing development at the site. Through the cleanup work, the industrial park will be expanded to 100 acres.